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- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
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_____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
- a. type of material
- ☐ a sequence listing
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	2-11	YES
	Claims	1, 12-29	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2-11	YES
	Claims	1, 12-29	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-29	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

- The inventions of claims 1 and 12-22 do not appear to possess novelty or to involve an inventive step.

Document 1: WO 2002/002159 A1 (Japan Tissue Engineering Co Lt), 10 January 2002, claims, page 8, lines 2-8, page 11, line 12 to page 15, line 25, Fig. 2

Document 2: Takahiro ICHI et al., Polyrotaxane o kihon kokkaku to shita 3-jigen soshikитай no chousei to sono tokusei kaiseki, Japan Society of Mechanical Engineers, Dai 12-kai Bioengineering Koenkai - Shinseiki ni okeru bioengineering no yakuwari o kangaeru - Koen Ronbunshu, 05 January 2000, pp. 217-218

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Documents 1 and 2 describes a cross-linked polyrotaxane obtained by chemically bonding two or more polyrotaxane molecules through cyclodextrins, wherein part of the hydroxyl group of the cyclodextrin molecules is substituted with N,N'-carboxyl-diimidazole, a cross-linked polyrotaxane is obtained by cross-linking the N,N'-carboxyl-diimidazole substitute group with polyethylene glycol bisamine, etc.

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Document 3 describes a cross-linked polyrotaxane obtained by chemically bonding two or more polyrotaxane molecules through cyclodextrins, wherein it is preferable to have a thiol group, or in other words, a non-ion group, as the reactive group on the outer side of the cyclodextrin molecules.

Accordingly, there is no difference between the inventions of claims 1 and 12-22 and the inventions described in document 1-3.

- The inventions of claims 23-29 do not appear to possess novelty or to involve an inventive step.

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